

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached drawing sheets (a total of 8 sheets), which include Figs. 1 through 17, replace all original sheets, which likewise included Figs. 1 through 17.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

Remarks

The drawings were amended in accordance with the amendments above. All of the drawings (Figs. 1 through 17) have been converted from informal drawings to formal drawings in accordance with the replacement sheets attached hereto. The drawings have appropriate margins and are electronically reproducible. The drawings are therefore believed to comply with 37 CFR 1.84 and 1.121. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

The attached drawings contain changes as required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948). In the Notice of DraftPerson's Patent Drawing Review, the Reviewer indicated the size of the paper was not acceptable, the character of the lines and numbers were not uniformly thick and well defined, clean durable and black, and that descriptive matter in Figs. 2 through 4 was overlapping. All of the figures were amended so that they are presented on an acceptable size of paper, namely 8 ½ x 11 inches, and all figures now contain lines and numbers that are uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable and black. The overlapping descriptive matter was removed from Figs. 2 through 4.

With reference to MPEP § 714.16 and 37 CFR § 1.312 regarding amendments after allowance, for amendments changing the drawings to make them acceptable, the amendments must be shown (A) to be needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention, and (B) to require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the United State Patent and Trademark Office, the amendments may be considered, and, if proper, entry may be recommended by the primary examiner. The amendments to change the drawings included herein are needed for proper disclosure of the invention and require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In accordance with MPEP § 714.16 and 37 CFR § 1.312, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments included herein be considered and recommended for entry by the primary examiner prior to issuance.

Additionally, Applicant wishes to point out a typographical error in the "REMARKS" section of Applicant's July 2, 2004 Amendment and Response ("the Amendment and Response") to the July 17, 2002, Office Action. In light of the amendment to the drawings submitted in the

Amendment and Response, Applicant's reference in the "REMARKS" section to "additional figures 1A through 1C" was incorrect. Based upon the amendment to the drawings submitted in the Amendment and Response, Applicant intended to refer to "additional figures 1 through 1B." The formal drawings submitted with the present communication were drafted in accordance with the correct figure description.

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